

1941 January 1 Wednesday

up at 8 in a clear crisp morning.

Happy New Year to Peter Panting!

My mental list of things that should be done this weekend came to 12, several of which are very important, so with great reluctance I phased I that I couldn't go to S.F.

© Duty, how vile thou art!

Then I went out & worked hard till 2 o'clock & the muscles in my right side & shoulder are sore as hell.

Listened to Bow Bowl game - jammed with ~~audience~~ spectacular plays for spectators. ~~Stanford~~ Baker scored in the first few minutes, then Stanford tied it 7-7; then Neb made it 13-7;

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then Stanford made it 14-13; &
finally Stanford closed it 21-13.
Top moments were when Nebraska
held Stanford 4 downs on the 2 yard
line, & took the ball & kicked to mid-
field — and Stanford back brought
the ball right back for a touchdown!

Had a good lunch & late dinner &
read by the hearth. New Years is a
holiday, ain't it? And my right
shoulder is awful sore.

More rumors of Petain - Hitler
estrangement.

1941 January 2 Thursday

Tom came at 8. Fine weather &
we got a lot done, clearing 12
stump trees.

To shop at 2 & worked on inventory.

Mary came in unexpectedly about
2:30, with Sam. She said she'd come
in Sunday to stay; but I told her
I'd thought things over the last few
weeks & decided the best Xmas present
I could give her would be to relieve
her from her agreement to come
in every week, as I didn't like to
cause any one pain, least of all her.

She protested, but I pointed out
she'd tried for over 2 years & it hadn't
worked. She hadn't come in every

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week, & when she had she had
been miserable about it. I reminded
her it was just 7 weeks today
since she'd last stayed in.

She seemed very grateful.

Framing job on the Point kept me out
long after dark, so I had a late dinner
& listened to Premier's at the
Standard Lyceum.

1941 January 3 Friday

Tom came to work at 8 & we continued clearing & leveling Lot 12.

Phila Sympt broadcast for lunch.

I went to the shop at 2, leaving Tom to work on lot till 4:30, but it began to rain hard a little after 3, so I don't doubt he went home.

We left the fire in a neat cone, which may burn internally.

Lot 12 is a mass of spreading weed roots. We dug out quantities.

Paid interest & \$50 of principal of add. 7% 2nd note and \$73 interest on main bal. of 14,600. Due yesterday, but I was too busy to attend to it.

First drama class of new semester, in library at Sunset School, 8 to 10.

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It was raining hard & only 4 showed up. We read Jo Ann's radio play.

Helen seems on the way to help
Mussolini against Greece.

73rd Congress opened today, but
I guess by now the Pres. won't have
too much opportunity to helping England.
We're actually robbing ourselves.

1941 January 4 Saturday

up at 8 after a restless night.

Quite cool. Slight shower toward evening.

Went to shop early & stayed all day, making an inventory while listening to Tannhauser from my meter. Best of the many times I've heard it on the air — or maybe it came over better. Melchior & Flopsted & a fine chorus.

Joe came over for lunch.

Practically no business.

Vin Duffey brought me a special loaf of bread from S.F. & told me a good story. We talked on the radio & Jack Heron joined us. Later Vin said. "I don't think Jack contributed much."

cooked an excellent dinner of veal chops & celery & listened to NBC symphony under Alfred Wallenstein. I'm

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very fond of Wallenstein's programs -
but this wall dull.

Louise has flux, which she got from
Sally's mild case, I suppose.

Griffin was peeved because I couldn't
leave Tarrabansa - go to Post Office
for her!

Charles Drake rang up & asked if
I'd write a tribute to Jeffers for next
Prime Time, which comes out on Jeffers'
birthday.

Tom Work got \$240,000 from the Govt. for
land for the army camp. But I
suppose I'll still have to pay him
the money I owe him!

1941 January 15 Wednesday

Began raining at 8 & increased to heavy downpour lasting till 4. Much the biggest of season. $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches. No wind.

Ed Filpula came at 8:30 & went to Cannels with new truck. I joined him at 10 & spent much of day there, repairing the front end & sideboard & the floor plates. Many showed in morning re Cannels lease. Special Council met at noon but I was too busy to attend.

Ate lunch - a banana one - at McIntyre's. First meal I've eaten out except with Wrights (& Fays) since about Thanksgiving.

Made out & mailed sales tax report.

Blocked road across dale in front of house with 2x8 & long logs, as people ignore the box & saw horses.

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No leaks of importance anywhere,
heavy tho rain has been.

Senate Court drain clogged, so I spent
the last hour of daylight clearing that out.
A messy job, so I took a good hot
shower & didn't go to see Deane
Dunbar.

Endell Hull spoke out firmly for
see help for England & against Germany
~~Italy~~ Japan before the Senate Court.
At last they seem to be able to say
Germany^{its} instead of "certain nations
or aggressors!" But it's almost too late.

Left my shoes on the well, forgot
to close the gas heater deal while Ed
was here, & last night I left my glasses
at Newells. I need a rest.

1941 January 16 Thursday

Dulles gave me figures on sewer for
Blk 162 to Tunnel Woods. For lot 1, \$210
(\pm) not inc. lateral to prop. line ^(at 48') or \$15 per
for plant. Lot 6 about 1.26; & lots 3 and
5 about 1.16 each! About \$568 to add
to "selling" (!) price of lots that won't sell
at present figures.

I called Rountree in evening she
advised against signing petition.

Duffy told me a very funny story
about strawberries & crazy people.

George finished his part of the work
at Tunnel.

To Monterey at 4 to get dinner
plate for 1941. I got a small number
46 of 464 (\times 46 of 463 for the pick-up)
Fees were 13.20 & 10.60. Why less

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for the new car, & both costing
about the same?

Got some slippers ^{light} & rubber boots
& work pants at Penney's. Also a hat.

Bright clear day, but the ground is
sucking wet.

German bombers raise hell with
British warships off Sicily.

Applesauce for lunch & a warm
oven dinner.

Feel very well, but ~~the~~ radio went
out of commission right in middle
of symphony program.

1941 January 23 Thursday

It began to rain as I got up, about 7:40 & didn't really stop till near 4, with one long hard downpour.

Most people are beginning to get disgusted with the long continued wet weather. I don't mind it except that it makes work so much more difficult.

I had to bring in a line of wet clothes as the rain & wind began.

Ed ^{Farmer} came to work at 11, as his car is not yet fixed & the bus from Seaside is being repaired.

We got the kitchen floor at Camels painted & the basement holed out.

Mary phoned at 9+ & I asked her to get Ed Barnes to come in with his car when she brought the truck so he could take her back as I have neither

Jan 23 p 2

the time no energy for a 32 mile
drive this week.

I got up on a chair to shut a
high window & slipped (me!!) &
fell over the chair back onto the
floor & damn near got hurt.

Paid the \$300 note I signed at the
bank last month.

Mary & I came in about 3:30
& left the truck, going back to Ribles
with the Barnes - whose name is
not Barnes.

at a bourgeois lunch & whiteness
& a good supper of bread pudding &
plums & coffee & oatmeal crisps
at home.

Standard Aynaf under Karin Svedcranski

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while I ate (late!) - No Mozart,
the Monday is that great man's b'day.
And next week's program as announced
contains no Mozart.

Lindbergh testified before the
Foreign Relations Com. & said so
many criminally absurd things that
I am amazed at his mental processes.
The Lone Eagle has sunk beneath
the waves.

1941 January 24 Friday

up early on the new customary
rainy day, & worked hard all day:
Cannels painting & trimming of vines &
tree tying; in & signs & shopkeeping
at 7 a.m.; paying bills, banking; &
housework & cooking at home; teaching
dances in evening.

Washed over written for dinner.

Philo Lynne at home not remarkable.
Could not go to Ricci concert because
of drama class. Talk on Melville &
read Proust's Riddles.

Roosevelt goes out to welcome Halifax
off Quonset. Why did Halifax have to
come on a 35,000 ton battleship?

1941 January 25 Saturday

Was so tired after yesterdays long hard day (working under heavy rain conditions for so many days) & a poor sleep, that I heard no alarm & woke at 9!

Spent most of day at tunnels, with George & Ed, finishing up the down place for the incoming tenants. But we'll have to work a while tomorrow to get it all done — and there's still the basement.

Paid 31⁹⁴ on payment of second outstanding \$2500 inst. loan.

Skipped lunch.

Very ordinary Madame Butterfly heard in sketches this noon. NBC.

Jan 25 '12

Synops under Alfred Wallenstein
in evening. Brakes 4th & other things
not so well done - but no Mozart.
Very fine, as Wallenstein is an excep-
tionally fine Mozartian. This is
his final concert of the series & Mozart's
150 b'day is Monday!

And on Monday Margaret had adver-
tises a record evening including
no Mozart!

Rain continues, but only showers
today.

Craig (teacher in school) - his wife
& Scott came up to see & the cutting in
Paradise Park could be stopped. I planned
Anderson.

1941 January 26 Sunday

We finished work on Carmels at noon - at least all that could be done now.

Showed Carmel Words lots to Milt & Barbara Stitt who may buy one on long terms.

Rochester Orchestra played no Mozart by Philharmonie devoted entire concert to Bruckner Symph.

New Friends of Music gave Schubert quartet by Gordon Henry B.

Excellent chicken dinner at the Wrights. Mrs. Egan & Mrs. Banner (wife of Ashland Shakespeare director) also there. Talked Shakespeare all evening.

1941 January 27 Monday

up at 7:30 on a very fine clear day -
first in weeks of rain.

Took Chevy to Bryers' to have top fixed,
then home for breakfast with jam coffee,
being out of Cornwell's.

Major Knight & family moved into
Cornwell's house on year's lease at
\$75 a month (- commission).

Arranged definitely with Virginia Pearson
to stay in shop 10 to 1 in return for desk
space.

Listed Cornwell Woods lots with agents
at new (mostly lower) prices.

Late dinner of canned soup & col cheese
salad + mockers of which I made a
large pan. Skipped lunch except for
an ice cream.

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Mozart's bird sent a month late.
Very tired & sleepy.

Mozart's 185th anniversary of his birth.
Some years ^{his death} after, Vienna raised a
monument to him, but as someone said
he didn't need it then. ^{and} his music
was a better monument than anyone
could build for him.

KGO. gives 4 recorded 45-minute
broadcasts, commencing tonight.

So ineffably lovely.

1941 January 28 Tuesday

Fine day.

Many came in unexpectedly with the truck, & she & I with Filipe took out the plants in the court on the south side of the court, preparing to new planting.

We also trimmed the big black acacias at the corner of the bldg.

Made out a new note for Jan, the previous one for 17,000 having expired.

Many left at 5; & Ed also on the bus, as his car is still unfurnished. Worked till 6 cleaning up, then home to cook dinner.

Drama Class in evening. We

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got through 3 acts of School for
Scandal, but had only 7 percent
because of Fours in autumn at
same time.

Betty Howell sent check for balance
of rent from Major Knight for Currell's
lease for first 2 last months.

Frances Dand says Louise won't
be able to play Juliet ok if getting
ready for Stanford this fall.
It seems she fiddled last year.
That probably means no R+G this
year.

Morgan record broadcast on KGO
but for mention.

1941 January 29 Wednesday

Third fine day.

Jimmy Doud (evidently trying to put himself in the right) "subtly" remarked that they were cutting very few trees & then spoiled it by pointing to all the cut oaks by my house & saying his woodcutters had taken out too many trees.

Falplein didn't get here till 10 this morning, having missed the bus, & we spent the rest of the day taking out a small pine & topping the larger one. On putting up the extension ladder the rope broke & the upper ladder came down with a rush, catching Ed's finger & striking my right thigh & sweeping down my leg, but jumping over just my knee cap! Am I a lucky fellow? I am!

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The two trees we had to climb (we took turns) were about 75 feet high & mostly without live branches — only small dead ones. It was tricky work, & I'd hate to do it every day.

I let Ed have the coupe to go home. He earned it.

Had a fine dinner after a fine shower. Lamb chops, baked potatoes & cottage cheese — stewed plums saled. I earned it.

Mozarts snacklyo but not very good. Too much interference

1941 January 30 Thursday

up at 8, tired but very well, the laundry
& scrubbed.

Ed & I put the big tree down (2nd 12) &
smashed a lot of the pink & fencer because
the chain broke.

Very fine day.

Mary Phoned.

Kurtis Phoned to borrow a book & I asked
him if he'd go in for ticket sales at 7 a.
He will.

Didn't attend school even brief meet.

Standards for the Home from Little very
clear & good the next "my" program.

Morgan's mass very merry section.

Spoke by Deke & LaFollette on Sunday
will be lively & interesting. LaFollette stated,
made the only good points against I & I yet
heard.

Washed dishes till 10 p.m.

1941 February 9 Sunday

It was raining when I went to bed last night at 12:30 - it was raining when I got up this morning - & it has rained all day & tonight at 11:15 it is still raining.

Shortsketch: 1st symph is an excellent piece of work.

Churchill made a strong & encouraging speech at noon.

My Phil, but only last 1/2 hour of Churchill talk. (Shame Don Quixote)

And as for drama - a half hour of cross broadcasting from England to U.S. & Canada, between parents & children sent over for safety. It was wonderful & heartbreaking. "Hello Mummy!" "Hello darling!"

Worked at papers & desk all day, except shut up tillage to check on rain & snow count.

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New Friends for music at 3 & an Am.
From debate on helping England at 5.
The anti-helpers are blind indeed. They
don't think straight.

Made a pan of delicious crisp roasted
whole wheat biscuits, with sheep sorbines
mashed potatoes & butter & coffee for dinner.

Looked at house plans & pictures
in evening; but I can do much better
for myself.

Warm weather.

Feel very well.

1941 February 21 Friday

Rained all morning & very hard
& long around noon.

Mary came in & we worked on
income tax till 3, when she
went back to Rubles.

Shop for a couple of hours.

Felt rather fresh in afternoon.

Drawn class 8 to 10:30.

Read 2 more acts of The Pretenders.

1941 February 22 Saturday

Washington's Birthday. Shop closed,
tho' I guess most were open.

Oh! oh!

Worked at home all day, chiefly
at desk work & with Ed digging out
the damn spear grass & some grass
that is encroaching on all the good
land.

Metrop Opera broadcast Fidelio
(with Flapstad). I heard it all,
but somehow didn't thrill as I
did the time before this (last year?)

Toscanini gave a superb all-Wagner
broadcast. 2 hrs 10 min. To I prelude,
Siegfried prelude, End of Act I &

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of Walküre, Die Rheingilde,
4 excerpts from Gotterdammerung,
the Rhine journey, Faust March &
Praeludium.

Wanted our supper then to
see Foreign Correspondent — a
small melodrama thoroughly
done.

1941 February 23 Sunday

up at 8:20 after a restless night,
(startled by blades of sour grass!)

Warm mist rather clear day,
with plenty more rain tonight.

Didn't go to the village at all.
Housework, desk work & radio all
day. Ems Raper played 3 of the 6
numbers on Toscanini's last evening's
program! (Lohengrin prelude, Siegfried's
Rhine Journey, & spring scene from Walkure)
The Rhine music was better than Toscan-
ini's for some strange reason.

Two fine young singers on Opera Aud-
itions. The girl who sang Die! Theme
Halle will surely be famous, & the
young man who sang Figue's great aria
also. Ely Pethibay & John Charles Thomas

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couldn't have sounded as well.

Didn't care for New Friends program at all, tho I never heard The Elkins so finely sung. I don't like it anyhow.

Had my gypers rice pudding for lunch & a prune-cheese salad for dinner.

It's raining hard.

Rachel Heller called to say a friend wrote her from the East praising my poem on Jeffers.

1941 April 27 Sunday

up at 8:30, as I hadn't set the alarm
for the kids sleep late on vacation. They
got up at 10:30. This means my very
work, but they're not here very often
and it's a small thing after all.

Worked most of day washing & cleaning
& raking lots. Ed came over & put in
4 hrs. at Camelo installing barboard
elec plugs.

A pleasant day, with some wind & fog.
Churchill spoke (only once, again, again) at noon.
"Artist" named Wheeler with wife & 2
daughters interested in Shop #8. I'd
just got back from Camelo & was
putting Bill's prints into frames when
Wheeler found he wanted to see shop
so I had to drop the painting & go down.
False alarm.

Back to frames, which I got done

April 27 22

at 8:30 !!

Bill & Jean were out to dinner with Gudy Campbell & his wife. They came home to say goodbye, got the framed prints, "borrow" a dollar, put 2 gals of my oil in their car in response to my offer of oil out aid, & also got 9 gals of gas "on me." I asked Bill what he did with his money, as he makes \$170 a month & Jean must get at least 80 & make more.

I had asparagus & ^(at 9:15) over toast & coffee for dinner, after they'd gone, loaded with geraniums & ice plant & small oak trees in my ollas & flower pots. Mary didn't come, but Maude did!

1941 September 24 Wednesday

Tried & heard not the alarm at 7.
up at 8 & worked with Ed & Paul all day.
Finished book shelves in center of addition
to thermite studio.

"Smoked" out about 10 bats with formaldehyde.
They've been roosting in wide crack between
rafters & concrete on 7th balcony.

Wrote to C & sent it around to reach
her on her birthday the 26th.

Received from city clerk a most formal
resolution ^{by the Council} of regret at my resignation
& appreciation of my doubtless meritorious
service to the City Council. Selah!

1941 September 25 Thursday

Fine warm day.

Ed & Paul & I cleared out garage & built framework across from wall to wall 7 feet up & stored all sets etc. from Shakespeare Festival safe for the winter.

Mary & I came up from the coast canyon & had lunch with me.

DePaik said farewell to his tenancy & me. He leaves early tomorrow.

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Migant Smith, a major by Wallenstein's order under Jack Little at 5:30 & a medicine standard Smith Han at 8.

Dokker being used by Nazis as sub. base to attack convoys.

~~At~~ Institute fund rent (5 days late).

1941 November 18 Tuesday

Bitter cold (for Camel)

32° on front porch.

only Bethmeyer showed up for
class, so there was no class.

1941 November 19 Wednesday

Very cold morning & evening.
Worked in house, outdoors & at shop
all day.

Bill & Jean arrived from Fresno
about 6:30. I cooked some dinner
for us all & then they went on
up the valley to Opal's ranch for
Thanksgiving.

1941 November 20 Thursday
Thanksgiving Day

up early on cold morning & worked
till late afternoon, then cleaned up
& bathed & put on my blue suit
& went down to the Pitman for sherry
with Vin & Irene & Dorothy.

Dinner at Country Club. Excellent
meal & good company. Spent an
hour at Dorothy's after, but Vin
& Irene wouldn't stop.

1941 November 21 Friday

Waked hard all day, tho I was cold
morning & evening, & even in day at
office.

Bill & Jean came back from ranch
about 6. Bill had some grain which
we ate for dinner.

Dance class under stage 8 to 10.
Small attendance.

1941 November 22 Saturday

up at 7:15. Cold morning. Fine day.
Cooked breakfast for Bert & Jean who got
up about 8:30.

Bill wanted to save buying some
2x3s in Fresno, so he dug out, with
my assistance, 8 pcs. 2x4 & sawed them
off to 5' & put them in his trailer.
I'll have to buy others - but he doesn't
worry about that. Also I wasted 1/2 the
morning.

Clay came for a check for his P.
work for Jan. Said Mrs. was over there
yesterday. Fanny she didn't stop here
to see Bill.

Shirk etc in afternoon.

Jadyn's birthday supper party at her
house (Eel's) from 7 to 11 and a good
party it was. Vin was there with Jean;

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x Major Madison & his red haired wife;
x the Alberts; Tilly & Hagemeyer; Anna
x Joddy & I.

Begins cocktails, olives & nuts,
shrimps, cold turkey, spaghetti & meat
balls, rolls, coffee, highballs - all
good. And a big cake.

Major Madison (Maddy) told the
most amazing stories, all recorded by
Viv. And Anna - poor thing -
floundered through a couple. Johann
was humorously lit.

Joddy & Anna sang. I did many hard
a little canab.

Viv paid a nice tribute to my
shoe work in talk to Alberto.

1941 Nov 23 Sunday

Aup at 8:15. Cool but not so cold
as last few days.

Made a good breakfast of ^{orange} toast, eggs,
oatmeal scones & coffee for the kids.

Bill loaded the back of his car with
five 2' oak for his Fresno fire place.
He also borrowed my second-best wheel-
barrow. He wanted my new hatchet —
but there must be a limit!

They went to the beach for 2 hours,
returned, & packed up to leave. I
showed Bill the Hamlet photos & asked
him what our bid life. He said none.
Didn't care for theatrical pictures. "Don't
you like this one?" (me alone as Hamlet) No.

It was too early to eat, after their late
breakfast, so they packed up the stew,
& left about 1:30 with a bag of cookies

Nov 20 12

I insisted they take 8 eat on the way.
"Serve, indifferent —" they amaze me.

Music not very thrilling today, tho the
Philharmonic gave a fine live feel of a
Mozart symphony.

Skipped lunch & ate an early dinner.

To village only for mail etc, spending
my day & night at home. Did very
little work, being tired & not too
happy. And why should I work on
Sunday?

1941 December 6 Saturday

up late (8:40) & so ate a good breakfast
so to skip lunch.

Weeded east garden. Bright & warm
on this flat, tho cold in shade.

Die Walküre from N.Y. at 11.

Washed a boiler of clothes & did some
afternoon at home while listening.

To shop for an hour.

Toscanini conducted NBC symphony for
Training Hour. Beethoven Sixth, Good Friday
Spell & Blue Danube.

Light dinner at home & at 7:30 &
took tickets at door for 2nd concert of
Musée Series. Germaine Sevrux, French
pianist. Not so much.

Gave my ticket to Dorothy as I
didn't need one & she loves the piano.

1941 December 7 Sunday

Very fine day. Warm in sun.
up at 7:40 & ate a good breakfast.
Read papers & listened to Radio City
concert.

Excellent broadcast of The Inspector
General at 11, interrupted about
11:30 by announcement of Japanese
air attack on Pearl Harbor.

Then Manila. Then lumber transport
transported 1300 miles west of S.F.

At last we'll quit trying to
placate Japan.

My. Philharmonic at noon. Shostakovich 1st Symphony & Brahms 2nd piano
concert with Artur Schnabel soloist.

May come up from down the coast
about 4.

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We had a rather punk supper,
listened to vital news several times
and went to bed early.

Little Nations declare war.

1941 December 8 Monday

Wt at 7:15 to hear the news
over & over again. Japan has declared
war on U.S. & England.
About 9 the radio broadcast from
Congress, with President's fine short
speech asking for a declaration of
war

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Wt to see D. Bennett

Duffy & Mrs. Thomson at hotel

Benn Black out

Letter from Phil, who planned
outing & mail his message
~~and for~~

1941 December 10 Wednesday
up early for the news.

1941 December 11 Thursday

up at 7:30. Cold morning & very
gloomy in a dark house.

Kson, with O'Donnell speaking, told
Germany & Italy had declared war on
U.S.

The President at once asked Congress
to declare war on them, & it was
unanimous in both Senate & House.
Tempera mutantur!

Shop & office much of the day.

Saw press proof of my poem.
They could have given it a bigger heading
— & need not have messed up the
first page with the childish lineaments
and regarding canceled black-out
instructions. However, there are no
misprints in the poem.

Paid P.H.A. instalment due 9th,

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but forgotten in the excitement of
this week.

Ate a huge lunch (60 cents) at
Sade's.

Unpacked & sorted Duncan Vail
shipment.

George Clough phoned he'd "thought
over" the matter of the money he considered
he'd earned & unless Mrs. Heron
paid him the \$27 he'd put a lien
on the building!

Siren sounded 4 times for times
(near black-out signal). I walked
around town & then drove home via
7th & 8th in darkness, meeting
3 wardens (one was Mr. Wright)
Rather strange & of course very

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very slow.

checked all my windows, made
a fire on the hearth, listened to
Raymond Grandin, ate a bit
of muffin & sates & tea, listened
to parts of March of Time, Standard
Symph & Frank Morgan who is
always a delight.

Army bombers have definitely
sunk a 29,000 ton Jap battleship;
Wake Island still holds out and
reports sinking a Jap cruiser & destroyer.

Mary showed in a m to leave &
I was going to S.F. damn not.

1941 December 27 Saturday

Storm in early morning before light.

Radio reports Manila, which was declared an open city, bombed by Japs with many lives lost & much damage.

Rain most of ~~day~~ ^{2 small afternoon} ~~day~~ ^{It} about 2 inches of it now. Fortunately (and strangely) only a few cold times.

Worked at home most of day.

Elmer Davis made a very fine speech on the Defauld regime of Vichy France. I hope the conservatives & appeasement loving Hull heard it.

Kattenbach also hit on it, but not so bravely. We killed the Spanish Republic & now we are killing the only free French! I'm surprised that Roosevelt stands for Hull.

Dec 27 p 2

Sick much of the day, with considerable pain in stomach & intestines. Ate only orange juice for lunch.

Card from Esther, with painting only. I suppose she's hurt because I don't write to her.

Letter from Muriel, with Pinga (fine) & fifty Cents.

Finished the duck with potato & coffee & beet greens & feel a little better.

1941 December 28 Sunday

Keel of a storm in the night.

up at 8:30, just in time to hear an excellent discussion of Hamlet on the Invitation to Learning broadcast. Mark Van Doren, Margaret Webster & (what a name!)

Radi City concert below par.

To village for mail, garbage & to check on damage done by storm. There was no mail, 2 sacks of garbage, no damage. And the leaks at home are minor so far, tho I fear for the studio roof which is now ¹⁷16 years old. It certainly has lasted well for a campfire roof, tho maybe asbestos wears better than rock.

My Phil under Dimitris Mitropoulos. A little Mozart & the rest Busoni. Dennis Taylor gave a good talk on Greek music

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notation, using Mozart as an imaginary
friend. Quite interesting.

Two reviews of 1941. Both nailed
me because they showed how criminally
blind the democracies have been.
(Not me, thank God!)

Rain off & on during day.

At 3 I drove down & around Murren
Point. Half moon beach always hits
my heart, & I've been so upset the
last week that even the rocks & bushes
& the stormy ocean didn't help me.

Cleaned house some, & washed dishes,
& cooked a small dinner what I ate
at 6, having had only orange juice
for lunch.

Heavy rain, hail, thunder & wind
from 5 to 7.

1941 December 29 Monday

up at 8, still sick.

Down for early & later.

Mary had said she was coming up, but
didn't.

3 lb box of chocolates from C-A

1941 December 30 Tuesday

Many came in while I was having breakfast. It was raining again.

We went to of. to see the condition of the new floor. Everything ok.

For many are going there as soon as floors can be oiled. Very nice mine. Its clean & warm & safe & sheltered from the storms & convenient.

Pleasant afternoon with many.

1941 December 31 Wednesday

Rain most of the day.

Closed 7a a C.S.F. apes at bank,
because of new charges on checks.

Don't know Habermas to P.O. to see
if she could get LaBate goods on com-
mitment. No.

She will take over shop on the 2nd
of January, paying rent for #4 &
paying us for our stock only as she
sells it.

Wished all the tenants a happy new
year.

Oglethorpe check for — \$10!

Looks as if Maunula was doomed.